

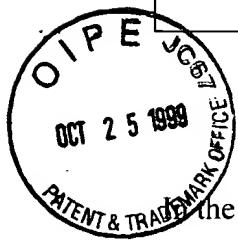
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the application of:

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction requirement dated June 24, 1999 for which a response was due on July 24, 1999 and for which a 3 month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from July 24, 1999 to October 24, 1999.

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-49 and 65-67 drawn to an intracorneal insert), without traverse. Applicant expressly reserves his/her right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

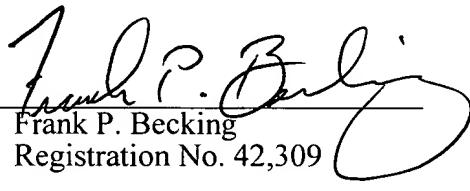
Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document or the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for

any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 251692002821. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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